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I strongly disagree with the actions you (the US Government and the Justice Dept) are taking in this matter. I am IT professional with over 20 years of experience and your suit appears to be all about choice.

Well guess what, there are lots of choices. If I don't care to run Microsoft Windows with Internet Explorer, I don't have to. And if I do and want to use some other browser, nothing prevents that either.

I can choose Linux, Unix, Sun Micrographics, Apple/MacIntosh, and several others both on the workstations and the Servers.

Microsoft and Windows are popular because they create good products which have made it easier today than ever for everyone from 1st and 2nd graders to senior citizens to use and own a computer. You don't have to know how to configure a TCP/IP interface on your home computer and what choices to make when you need an internet browser if you are a consumer when you choose Microsoft's various consumer level products. They have integrated it specifically to make it easier.

But if I'm running Windows on my computer and I want to install Netscape and use it, I can. If I want to use AOLs "integrated browser" I can do that. My choices are limitless, whether Microsoft chooses to offer an integrate product, or a stripped down version.

Why are you wasting my valuable tax money pursuing this action. Bill Gates is the richest man in the world because the American public (and the rest of the world) tried it and liked it, not because there isn't any other choice as you try to infer. Bill Gates through his foundation is doing more than anyone else in the world with regard to charitable contributions in a variety of areas and all around the world. And because of his wealth, he pays more taxes, which goes to pay your salaries, so why not pursue something important.

You want to talk about Monopolies and Anti-Trust....what about AOL/TimeWarner

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